

REMARKS

This Amendment amends claims 15, 16, 17, and 18 and adds new claims 24-31 as discussed with Examiner Rada in the telephone interview conducted on February 25, 2004. Claims 15-18 and 24-31 are now present in this application.

Examiner Rada's helpfulness was greatly appreciated by both the Applicant and the Applicant's attorney in the telephone interview. As discussed with Examiner Rada, Applicant has amended claims 15, 16, 17, and 18 to further define the structural components of the claimed invention. Claim 17 has been allowed.

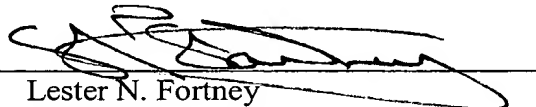
New dependent claims 24-31 depend from the amended independent claims and, therefore, are believed allowable for depending from claims believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the rejections of claims 15, 16, 17, and 18 and allowance of all of claims 15-18 and 24-31 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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